



Helpful hints & info  
for new students at  
Ohio State ATI

# ConversATIons

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## Student spotlight

## She couldn't arrange it better!



*Andrea Harrison  
was named best of  
the bunch at the  
AIFD 1999  
Symposium.*

At least that's what the judges at the American Institute of Floral Designers 1999 Symposium thought.

Andrea

Harrison, a 1999 graduate of Ohio State ATI's Floral Design and Marketing program, won first place overall in the national student design competition, held in San Francisco. In doing so, she beat out 48 other student designers from Texas A&M, Mississippi State

University, University of Massachusetts, Cal Poly, City College of San Francisco, Richland (Texas) College, and the College of San Mateo.

"My education at ATI really helped me a lot," Harrison said. "I learned some good skills in high school, but my two years at ATI under Terry Lanker's direction really helped me sharpen my skills and educated me on a broader spectrum. Mrs. Lanker exposed us to a lot of new ideas — it was really great!"

Lanker, assistant professor and technology coordinator of Floral Design and Marketing at Ohio State ATI, said it was a real accomplishment to win the overall competition, requiring strong design skills in all four areas of the competition — flowers to carry, spontaneous, theme and permanence.

The American Institute of Floral Designers is the floral industry's leading non-profit organization in professional

floral design. Membership in AIFD is selective. To be accepted, a candidate must successfully complete a two-part process in which they prove their design skills — first through a portfolio of photographs and then through actual on-site demonstrations.

Harrison currently lives in her hometown of Westerville, Ohio, and is employed as a floral designer at Connell's Flower, located in Bexley, Ohio.

"All of my classes at ATI were really good, but the wedding and party practicum class really stands out as one of the best classes I took," Harrison said. "It helped us see what it was like to plan something big — all the planning, organization and arrangements."

Harrison said her ATI education — including lots of quizzing from Lanker on flower types and handling — gives her a real leg up on the competition now that she's employed in the industry. And that makes all the quizzes worthwhile. ▲

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## A popular place...

For the first time ever, Ohio State ATI's autumn quarter enrollment has broken the 1,000 mark. This year, 1,031 students enrolled here — a 6.8 percent increase over the previous year's record enrollment of 965 students.

After four straight years of record-breaking enrollments, Ohio State ATI remains the largest institution of its kind in the U.S. and is the fastest-growing campus of The Ohio State University system.

While some students come to ATI because we have a 99 percent placement rate within four months of graduation, many new students are drawn to the campus because of the great experiences their family and friends have here. ▲



# Countdown to college cash:

## Financial aid priority deadline is May 1

If the thought of applying for financial aid makes your head spin, take a deep breath and relax. Applying for federal financial aid is as easy as filling in the blanks.

Here's the low-down on the basics you need to apply for financial aid.



### Did you know?

You can now apply for financial aid on-line by visiting the FAFSA website (see address below).

Besides filling out your FAFSA on-line, you can also request an electronic access code or PIN number, then make any necessary correction on-line, too!

## What is financial aid?

Financial aid comes in three basic forms:

**1. Grants and scholarships:** These do not have to be repaid. They are available from many sources, so check with your high school and local library. Be sure to submit the Ohio State ATI Scholarship Application by the priority deadline of May 1.

**2. Student Employment:** Students qualifying for work-study have part of their earnings subsidized by the federal government. Students obtain a job on campus to receive this money. Those not qualifying for federal work study can also obtain campus jobs with their wages paid entirely by their employing department.

**3. Loans:** Like any other loan, this type of aid must be repaid — with interest. Loans are available for both students and parents.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is the key to determining your eligibility for federal financial aid. Also called the FAFSA, this form is available from your high school guidance counselor or at your local library.

Financial aid eligibility is the difference between the cost of education and your expected family contribution. The cost of education includes all costs associated with your tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses. Your expected

family contribution is calculated, using government formulas, based on information submitted on the FAFSA.

## Financial aid eligibility

To be eligible for federal financial aid, you must:

- ❖ Have financial need as determined by FAFSA calculations.
- ❖ Have a high school diploma or GED.
- ❖ Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- ❖ Register with the Selective Service (if required).
- ❖ Complete the forms as required.
- ❖ Make satisfactory academic progress.

## How to apply for financial aid

To apply for financial aid, just follow these simple steps:

- 1. Apply for admission** to Ohio State ATI by mid-March to ensure acceptance before May 1 for financial aid priority consideration. Be sure to complete the scholarship/financial aid section of your application.
  - 2. Submit an Ohio State ATI Scholarship Application** with a copy of your high school or college transcript. This application will be sent to all admitted students. It can also be picked up at Ohio State ATI's Financial Aid Office.
  - 3. Complete and mail the FAFSA** before May 1. If you have previously attended an Ohio State campus, your FAFSA must be submitted by March 1 for priority consideration.
  - 4. Watch the mail** for your 2000-2001 Student Aid Report. Review the report, make any necessary revisions and return if necessary — or save the report for future reference.
  - 5. Mark your calendar** to re-apply for financial aid every year.
  - 6. Transfer Students:** You must request a financial aid transcript from each post-secondary institution you have attended — even if you did not receive or request financial aid at that school.
- Still have questions? Call Ohio State ATI's Financial Aid Office at (330) 264-3911, ext. 1214 or (800) 647-8283, ext. 1214 (in Ohio only). ▲

## Websites to watch:

**FAFSA on the Web:** [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
Interactive web version of the FAFSA.

**FastWEB:** [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
Free searchable scholarship database.

**Financial Aid Info:** [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
Info on everything from scam alerts to scholarship searches.

**The Student Guide:** [www.ed.gov/prog\\_info/SFA](http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA)  
Financial aid primer plus FAFSA links.

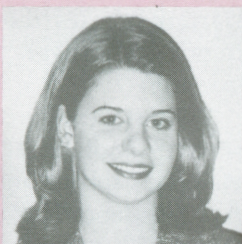


## Meet the students who help make the Admissions Office go **Student on the Street**

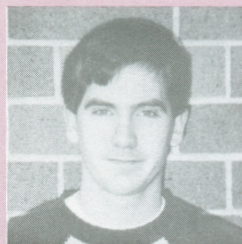
What has been your favorite class while at Ohio State ATI?



**Laura Faeth,**  
Business  
Management,  
New Riegel, Ohio  
"Business Law —  
because the  
knowledge I  
learned in this class  
will really benefit  
me in the future."



**Natalie Feleppelle,**  
Ag Commerce and  
Landscape,  
Strongsville, Ohio  
"Woody Plant ID.  
You learn a great  
deal about plants,  
including plant ID,  
planting, size,  
flowering, and  
habitat."



**David Crall,**  
Agronomy,  
Bucyrus, Ohio  
"Organic  
Chemistry. I found  
it very interesting.  
It's not only very  
applicable to my  
career, but also in  
our everyday  
lives."



**Crystal Williams,**  
Environmental  
Resources Mgmt.,  
Findlay, Ohio  
"Intro to Animal Ag  
— because the  
instructor was very  
nice and I got to  
learn more about  
different kinds of  
farm animals."

*Here they are—  
some of those  
students you see in  
the office during  
your campus visits,  
the ones who help  
sign you in and get  
you where you're  
going during  
VisitATI on Days,  
and the ones who  
help answer the  
phones when you  
call with questions:  
the Ohio State ATI  
Admissions Office  
student staffers.*

What's new on campus?

## New facility off and running

A new \$1.2 million equine facility is under construction for Ohio State ATI horse programs. Ground was broken last summer for the new facility, which will be located on Ohio State ATI's farm in Apple Creek, Ohio — just 5 miles south-east of the central campus.

The new facility will be used as an educational laboratory for students in the horse programs. The facility will also serve students in other livestock majors.

The new facility will consolidate the three current locations Ohio State ATI students use in the horse program, eliminating drive time for students and enhancing student-faculty interaction.

The new facility will also allow the horse programs to serve more students, continue to graduate highly-qualified students as employees in horse-related businesses and support the horse industry's needs for educating employees.

Ohio State ATI graduates hold a variety of positions, including that of trainer, farm manager, riding instructor, jockey, farrier, and more.

While at Ohio State ATI, each student cares for up to six horses during a 10-week quarter. Students log additional hours in various hands-on learning activities.

The Associate of Applied Science program in Horse Production and Management emphasizes practical knowledge and learning by experience, while the Associate of Science degree program in Horse Science prepares students to transfer into a baccalaureate degree program.

More than 75 students are enrolled in Ohio State ATI horse programs. For more information on Ohio State ATI's horse programs or to schedule a campus visit, contact the Office of Admissions at (800) 647-8283 (in Ohio only) or at (330) 264-3911, ext. 1327. ▲



### Did you know?

*Horse Production and Management students can choose from one of three specializations: harness horses, saddle horses or breeding.*



## Open house

# VisitATIon Days on the way!



### Did you know?

75 percent of Ohio State ATI students participated in FFA while in high school, and 57 percent participated in 4-H.

From touring campus housing to learning more about our majors, and from visiting our farm laboratory to covering financial aid basics,, VisitATIon Days are a great way to see the campus and learn more about Ohio State ATI programs of study.

Mark your calendars now! Two such days are scheduled this spring: Thursday, March 16 and Saturday, April 29.

### See it for yourself

You can see if our campus is up to par by visiting our USGA-approved golf green, or you can check out growing trends in our horticultural complex. A tour of our 1,500-acre farm laboratory and the rest of our 50-acre central campus will provide you with an opportunity to stretch your legs and see the sights.

"VisitATIon Days give visitors a chance to see why Ohio State ATI attracts students looking for challenging careers in agriculture, horticulture, environmental and laboratory sciences, business, and engineering technologies," said Jill Byers, coordinator of admissions.

Visitors meet our award-winning faculty, explore career options and learn more about Ohio State ATI majors and

associate degree options. Covering internship, classes, job opportunities and starting salaries, these sessions are bound to provide answers to your most pressing questions.

Visitors can also learn about student services available at Ohio State ATI and visit our campus housing: the Ohio State ATI Residence Hall and the Applewood Student Apartment Village.

### Learn about our degrees

Our programs are offered in two degree options. The Associate of Applied Science degree provides the hands-on, technical experience necessary to succeed in the workplace. The Associate of Science degree allows students to attend Ohio State ATI for two years, earn their associate's degree, then transfer to The Ohio State University's Columbus campus to complete a bachelor's degree.

To register to attend VisitATIon Days, visit our website at <http://ati.ag.ohio-state.edu> or call us at (330) 264-3911, ext. 1327 or (800) 647-8283 (in Ohio only). Please register two weeks in advance of the VisitATIon Day you would like to attend. ▲



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